GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3568
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EXTINCTION OF CHEETAHAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Marzar species of cheetah has become extinct in the country;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government for the protection of the cheetahs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. The Asiatic Cheetah has been extinct from the country since 1947. The main reasons for its extinction were loss of habitat and excessive hunting.

(c): Question does not arise.